

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I was involved in association management and my most recent role was as the Executive Director and CEO of a national not-for-profit based in Ottawa.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

Yes I have lived in Westboro since 1999 but first came to Ottawa in 1982. I was in Kingston and Europe for 9 years while pursuing my education.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I ran a program for food-insecure families and individuals in Westboro/Wellington West sponsored by the Westboro Region Food Bank & All Saints Westboro in 2019.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

The written works of German economist and humanist Karl W. Kapp and especially his book *The Social Costs of Business Enterprise*. In 1950, Kapp's brilliant analysis predicted that within 70 years we would be living in a dystopia because of our failure to quantify and attribute the social, environmental and financial costs ("externalities") of large-scale corporate activity. Those costs are systematically passed on to the general public, the natural environment and future generations. Unrestricted carbon-based emissions illustrate the point well. We are at 69 years right now.

5. What previous politician (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

In Britain I would say Nye Bevan because he brought in the National Health Service in the post-war Labor government. In the US, Presidential aspirant Ralph Nader because of his robust and unflagging efforts to protect the public interest through prudential safety standards for automobiles and his efforts to protect air and water quality in that country.

In Canada, Tommy Douglas for his fight to establish publicly funded Medicare in Saskatchewan.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

As an independent candidate and as a father with three children I have a strong interest in advancing systemic reforms that will make a substantive difference in the lives of ordinary people going forward rather than offering up a series of short-term inducements to enhance my ‘popular’ appeal. Admittedly some of those policies are well-intentioned but their capacity to fundamentally alter the conditions, life prospects or health & well-being of ordinary Canadians and their life-supporting natural environment, are constrained. We urgently need the kinds of structural reforms that I am proposing - get for profit lobbyists out of politics; introduce full cost accounting; and create Citizens Assemblies.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

The apathy and disillusionment run deep and are a function of feeling powerless to control impersonal forces in either their local environments, their workplaces and/or the national context. The only answer at this point is to create Citizens Assemblies to take back democratic and civic decision-making that has migrated over the last forty years to corporate elites and neoliberal politicians in the major parties at all levels of government. These ordinary Canadian citizens must be allowed to exercise their singular right to decide on the allocation of society’s scarce resources without the influence of corporate bodies, special interests or other unaccountable but well-placed elites. See www.canadavision21.net